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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Administration Report of the Government Gardens Department and Hill Stations in Mysore for the year 1938-39.

READ—

Report on the working of the Government Gardens Department, including Nandi Hill Station, during the year 1938-39, received with letter No. 1373, dated 2nd October 1939, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens.

ORDER No. D. 2853-2913—G. G. 53-39-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 1ST—2ND DECEMBER 1939.

Recorded.

2. *Increase in the Number of Gardens Under the Control of the Department.*—In addition to the existing 84 gardens under the control of the department, the gardens attached to the Railway Office, Telephone Exchange and Medical Association in Bangalore, and those attached to the New Railway Offices and Cheluvamba Maternity Hospital at Mysore were laid out and taken over by the department during the year under review.

3. *Economic Development and Rural Welfare Work.*—The post of Garden Assistant was revived as a temporary measure and his services were made available for assisting municipalities in regard to lay out of parks and also for encouraging fruit cultivation in rural areas. It was possible with the help of the local authorities to plant more ornamental trees in the main avenues approaching the towns and taluk headquarters and to have economic plants planted in several Village Panchayets. The Horticultural Inspectors visited many villages and several taluk headquarters for distributing seeds and seedlings of fruit plants and vegetables.

4. *Scientific Work.*—A number of foreign plants of economic and ornamental value were introduced, acclimatised and propagated for distribution. These include various varieties of dahlias from Holland, gladioli from England, heliotropes from Naples and chrysanthemums from Allahabad.

Experimental work on fruit plants was carried on at the Krishnaraj Sagar orchard as also the fruit nursery at Lal-Bagh and the Fruit Research Station, Hessarghatta. Experiments on vegetable growing were conducted at the Horticultural Farm, Bangalore and at Jeevanrayankatte Farm, Mysore.

Experiments on apples, mangoes, pine apples and figs have yielded very satisfactory results.

5. *Maintenance and Improvement of Gardens.*—All the gardens under the control of the department were maintained in an efficient condition and several minor works were carried out in the more important parks and gardens. Stone pergolas were provided along the walks in the Cubbon Park and the waste weir of the Lal-Bagh tank and the roads in the Lal-Bagh were improved. Scientific interest in the Lal-Bagh was maintained, 15 new varieties of plants having been planted during the year. As a centre of recreation, both the Cubbon Park and the Lal-Bagh, maintained their popularity in Bangalore, while the Curzon Park and Gordon Park in Mysore provided similar attraction in Mysore. Various improvements were effected in the minor gardens also and special attention was devoted to the garden attached to the Railway Colony in Bangalore. The Daria Dowlat Bagh and the Gumbaz Gardens in Seringapatam were kept well and attracted holiday visitors.

6. *Fig Cultivation at Ganjam.*—Technical advice was freely given for the maintenance of fig plants. A number of young plants were issued to growers free of cost. Vegetable seeds were also given free for inter-cultivation and to encourage the cultivation of vegetables.

7. *Mysore Horticultural Society.*—The Society continued its numerous activities as a centre of spreading horticultural knowledge. The response to the annual garden competition and the Horticultural Shows was entirely satisfactory. The Mango Show, held with the purpose of introducing some of the late varieties of mangoes grown in the east coast of India into the Mysore State, evoked special interest and 132 varieties were displayed.

8. *Fruit Research Experimental Station, Hessarghatta.*—During the year the whole area was fenced and laid out scientifically for experimental purposes. The area planted with apples is nearly 20 acres. Pine apples were planted in 2½ acres and several varieties of figs in about 1½ acres of land.

9. *Nandi Hill Station.*—The hill station continued to be popular and attracted 4,133 visitors (4,663); the slight fall in number was due to the early advent of monsoon conditions.

10. The question of reorganising the cadre of the department to cope with its increased activities was under the active consideration of Government and has since been sanctioned.

The work of the Superintendent and his staff during the year was quite satisfactory.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Appoints Mr. R. Sitaramiah, Municipal Councillor, as a member on the Board of Visitors to the Local Fund Dispensary, Birur.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 8614—Med. 235-37-2, dated 28th April 1939, sanctioning the reconstitution of the Board of Visitors for the District Hospitals and certain Local Fund Dispensaries in the State for a period of two years and appointing the gentlemen noted below as members of the Board of Visitors to the Local Fund Dispensary, Birur, in the Kadur District:—

1. The Vice-President, Birur Municipality.
2. Mr. K. M. Basappa, Merchant, Birur.
3. Mr. Zainulabudin, Landlord.